

GEORGE L. DONALD



*Geo L Donald*

George L. Donald, mayor of the city of Quitman, Clarke county, and major of the Thirteenth Mississippi infantry in the Civil war, is one of the best known and most highly honored citizens of Clarke county and has served his State in various offices of public trust. Major Donald was born in Sumter county, Ala., Sept. 29, 1838, and is a son of Simon and Ann (Dotson) Donald, the former of whom was born in South Carolina and the latter in Georgia. The father located in Sumter county, Ala., in an early day and became one of the extensive planters of that section, owning many slaves. He died there in 1841, in the prime of life. He was a Democrat in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a son of John Donald, whose parents were native of Scotland, whence they came to America about the year 1700, settling in Virginia and later removing to South Carolina. Simon and Ann (Dotson) Donald became the parents of six children, Major Donald being the only one living. The mother died in Clarke county, Miss., in 1862, having been a devoted member of the Baptist church. She came from Alabama to Mississippi shortly after the death of her husband, first settling in Lauderdale county and thence coming to Clarke county, where the subject of this sketch was reared to maturity. Here Major Donald attended school in Quitman until 1856, when he entered the University of Mississippi, at Oxford, from which he was graduated in 1859, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then took up the study of law, but soon there came the call of duty, when the Confederate States seceded and precipitated the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, Thirteenth Mississippi infantry, which became Company G after the reorganization of the regiment. During the first year of service Major Donald was first lieutenant of Company I. In 1862, upon the reorganization of the command he was elected captain of Company G. After the battle of Gettysburg he was commissioned major of his regiment,

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The William Donald family history

William Donald was born 1620 in Scotland. He married Grizel Giels (birthdate unknown). Their son was Alexander Donald Sr. They all lived all their lives in Scotland.

Alexander Sr.'s son, Alexander Donald Jr., was born in Scotland and died in Abbeville Co. SC in the 1790's. He married his wife Dearest (last name unknown) in Virginia.

Their son John Donald (1760's/Va-1840's/Abbeville) and his wife Mary (born 1785 died 9-4-1846/Abbeville Co.) had 5 children Alexander, James, John Andrew, Lucy and Dearest who married Thomas Littleberry Nix. John Donald's siblings were James, Joseph, Hazekiah, Nancy who married Robert Gray, Mary who married Andrew Gray. Alexander Donald Jr. & Sr. are mentioned in the Gray family records in Wayne Co. MS.